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Joseph Lelak

1. Joseph Lelak, former Czech ambassador to China, arrived in Calcutta about 9 December 1949 and will leave before the end of the month for Colombia.
2. Accompanied by his wife and an 18-year-old son, Lelak will travel by Mours Line (sic) to Trinidad and then transship to Colombia. Ultimately he will work for the Bata Company in Bogota.
3. Miroslav Lelak, another of Lelak's sons, was formerly in Czechoslovakia, but is now in the British zone of Austria. Both sons will later study in the U. S.
4. Lelak may be getting financial assistance from Jan F. Bartos,\* although at one time Bartos refused a proposal by Lelak for the latter to open a Bata office in Australia.

Jan F. Bartos

5. Jan F. Bartos is connected with the London Free Czechs, but he tolerates Communist activity in Bata.
6. Bartos distanced the Czech Association in Calcutta, but not in Batanagar.
7. The present address of Bartos is 30 Theatre Road, Calcutta. Also living at this address are Jura Smid, Yaciac Sklenar,\*\* and K. Kielowski.

25X1A \* Comment. It is believed that here and throughout this report the Bartos mentioned is the same as the Jan G. Bartos in 25X1A 344 and the Bartos (fnu) 25X1A

\*\* Comment. This may be the Joseph Skener mentioned in

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